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## MAKES MOVE TO AVOID TROUBLE

Hastens to Clear Up Question of American's Death

REPORT THAT SENTRY WAS ARRESTED

Washington Officials Believe Situation Will Soon Be Adjusted

Washington, Jan. 13.—Notification that the Japanese commanding officer at Vladivostok has given orders that hereafter sentries must not challenge Americans and the formal expression of regret by the Japanese government went for today towards adjusting the fatal shooting by a Japanese soldier at that port of Lieut. W. H. Langdon, of the cruiser Albany.

The action of the Vladivostok commander, Gen. OI, was reported to the navy department by Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, who was on his way to Vladivostok to conduct a personal investigation. The admiral added that the report had been sent to him by radio and that in view of developments he had abandoned his trip of inquiry.

Ambassador Shidehara, of Japan, called upon Acting Secretary of State Davis late today and expressed the deep regret of his government that such an incident should have occurred. Earlier he had received from the Japanese foreign office a version of the shooting which differed from an earlier and equally official version issued in Tokio in that the embassy's account agreed with Lieut. Langdon's ante mortem statement that the sentry was the first to fire.

The attitude of the Japanese government was also indicated in the communication to Admiral Gleaves, which said that high officials of the Japanese force had expressed their sorrow and regret.

The sentry who shot the American when he was returning to his ship, was characterized in the communication forwarded to Admiral Gleaves as "very ignorant," and in one of the messages received by Ambassador Shidehara it was stated he already had been placed under arrest and would be tried by court-martial.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who had called upon Admiral Gleaves for a report, conferred with Secretary Davis today in an effort to expedite so far as possible the gathering of the facts in the case. The latter immediately instructed Consul McGowan from whom the first official news of the incident had come, to supplement his report and declared that if the facts warranted an immediate and energetic protest would be made to Japan. Later developments, however, are understood to have inclined officials to believe that the situation is in prospect of final adjustment.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Satisfactory assurances by the Japanese government that its regrets over the killing of Lieut. Langdon, by a Japanese sentry would be supplemented by convincing proofs of its intention to make similar incidents improbable were awaited today by the state department. Confidence that the Japanese government would make adequate reparation for the killing was expressed by the state department in a note dispatched last night to the Tokio foreign office. Officials are inclined to believe that the end of the incident is in sight.

## LICENSE ON TOBACCO WAREHOUSES

Columbia, Jan. 14.—High license for tobacco warehouse operators who market leaf tobacco that is ungraded and untied is provided for in a bill introduced in the house of representatives today by Representative A. H. Williams, of Florence. Mr. Williams would make the license for such warehouses five thousand dollars each, the money to be used for school purposes. Warehouses that sell graded and tied leaf tobacco would not be affected. The license would be payable to the county, license to be issued by the clerk of court.

## AIRMEN ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 14.—Lieuts. Kloor, Farrell and Hinton arrived here this morning, exactly one month after they landed near Moose Factory, after their balloon flight from Rockaway.

A crowd of relatives and naval officers, greeted the officers upon their arrival. The balloonists declared they are none the worse off for the adventure and lined up for the photographers.

Aboard Battleship New Mexico, by the Associated Press, Jan. 15.—Men of the Pacific fleet have been overboard within the last twenty-four hours. Edgar Oscar, from the ship Arkansas, and Burton Mayhew, from the destroyer Stoddard.

London, Jan. 15.—All vessel flags which approach the coast are being fired on. The Russian coast is being fired on. The Russian coast is being fired on.

## ECONOMY ORGY IN LEGISLATURE

First Term Law-Makers Seek Fame and Popularity by Attack in Taxes

PROPOSED TO CUT SALARIES AND EVERYTHING

Wild-Eyed Solons Carried Away With the Idea That Cheapness is Economy

Columbia, Jan. 17.—Members of the legislature are returning to Columbia this afternoon for the second week of the 1921 session, a session that promises to be unusual in many respects. The house meets this evening, the senate Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The first week of the session has been marked mainly by organization, committees in the two houses having been appointed and their chairmen elected. The machinery is ready for work.

There has been noticeable trend of ideas in the session thus far. Many of the legislators came to the capitol, especially new members, with an ambition to raise their voice for lower taxes. Many of them came armed with proposed legislation aimed at cutting governmental costs. The first week was marked by the introduction of a number of such measures. Representative Bramlett, of Greenville, had a resolution limiting total appropriations to five million. Representative Mower offered a resolution to limit the total levy to nine mills. A resolution was introduced in the senate, by Senator Wells, to limit appropriations this year to \$4,500,000. Two resolutions were introduced by postpone payment of taxes, under penalty, until April 1. Senator Wightman introduced bills aiming at abolition of the tax commission, of the state welfare board, of truant officers and reducing all state and county salaries fifteen per cent. Nearly every speech referred to the financial situation and the need for cutting down expenses and appropriations.

The legislators came with an idea that their one duty was to cut down taxes and appropriations. Their first efforts have not amounted to much, and it took the first week to get at least part of the idea out of their systems, a prominent legislator remarked. Now they are ready for business, and leaders in the two branches take the position that the urgent needs of state government and the public welfare must determine the limit to which public funds shall be appropriated.

Just before adjournment Friday the senate received a resolution from Senator Mason, calling for a discontinuance of pessimistic, hard-times talk. The farmers are not broke he said, declaring that he himself is a farmer, and he urged that the senators put their time to their duty and stop their grumbling. Senator Johnson, of Newberry, urged that each senator find out, while at home over the week-end, what the sentiment among his constituents was regarding the necessity for postponing the collection of taxes, with penalty, until April 1, and to what extent such action would hurt the administration of county affairs. During the coming week the two houses will doubtless begin constructive consideration of their gigantic, over-shadowing problem, of state finances.

The coming week will be marked by the inauguration ceremonies at 1230 Tuesday, with Associate Justice Watts administering the oath to Gov. Cooper, Lieut. Governor-elect Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston, and Comptroller General-elect Walter Duncan, of Aiken, are the only two new officials to be sworn in. Gov. Cooper's inaugural address will be on the subject of education.

During the coming week the state budget will likely be submitted to the general assembly by the budget commission. In the house this week there will be debated a resolution, already passed by the senate, urging the national congress to take action at the present session continuing the plan of federal aid for state highways. Representative Claude Sapp, of Columbia, introduced the measure in the house.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, after the legislature has adjourned, the sessions of the South Carolina Life Underwriters' association convention will be held in the hall of the house of representatives. Several hundred insurance men from all parts of the state are expected to attend the convention.

**Marriage Licenses.**  
Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples:

- Frank Sealy and Mamie Wheeler of E. J. J.
- William David and Maggie Kirkland of Rembert.
- Sam Rodger and Maudie Dwyer of Tindal.
- James Logan of Providence and Annie Prieouax of Daizell.
- Robert Lesesne and Pauline Moore of Mavesville.
- Willie Benjamin of Shiloh and Mahala Brunson of St. Charles.
- Ishmel Bradley and Kina Pitts, of Sumter.
- Willie Tilman and Phelley Myer of Eastover.

When a woman gets to a certain age she starts to re-vamp.—Lexington Leader.

## NOTE TO JAPAN NOT PUBLISHED

Tokio Newspapers Discuss Probable Contents of Message Respecting Killing of Langdon

Tokio, Jan. 17.—Government officials have not yet made public the text of the American note protesting against the shooting of Lieut. Langdon. The publicist express the belief that Washington not only asked reparation, with guarantees removing the probability of similar incidents in the future, but also again pointed out to Japan the wisdom of reducing, if not withdrawing altogether, troops from the country, where she possess no sovereignty rights but the literal of which is dominated by her military power.

## AMBASSADOR CALLED HOME

Washington, Jan. 15.—Recalled to London for the announced purpose of consulting with Premier Lloyd George and Earl Curzon, Secretary of State for foreign affairs, Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador in Washington, quietly and without notice to even close acquaintances, slipped away from Washington last night and sailed today from New York for England. He was accompanied only by H. V. Tennant, his private secretary, who came with him to Washington when he assumed his ambassadorial office less than eight months ago. Lady Geddes remained here with the children, thus bearing out the embassy statement that according to present intention, the ambassador will return to Washington next month.

There is understood to be a number of subjects which will require earnest discussion when the ambassador reaches London, and it is said to be regarded as essential that Sir Auckland be given the benefit of the fullest disclosure of the views of the home officials before he undertakes to establish formal communications in this country. Some matters which are even now receiving close attention by the British authorities it is understood probably will be made the subjects of express and definite instructions from the foreign office in London.

Among these is the project to free American ships in the Panama Canal from tolls. The British government had believed this matter finally and definitely disposed of in the early days of the Wilson administration, but now that the Republican party platform and the utterances of President-elect Harding have indicated a purpose to renew the effort to secure such privileges for American ships, it is regarded as possible that the British government will be called upon to protest against any such invasion of what it has regarded as solemnly pledged treaty rights.

The pending emergency tariff bill, especially in its probable effect on Canada it is also understood will be among other subjects taken up, as well as the probable attitude of the Harding administration toward the proposed termination of a score of commercial treaties.

Another subject for negotiation in the immediate future is the refunding for conversion of the British war debt to America. Lord Chalmers, who was about to come to Washington to arrange this with the treasury department here, has postponed his visit in view of Ambassador Geddes' absence from Washington, feeling it necessary, it is said, to have the ambassador at his side when the negotiations are undertaken.

Finally, it is believed, to be probable that the British premier wishes to acquaint himself by consultation with the ambassador with the exact state of public opinion in America regarding naval programs and also regarding the Irish question.

## Naval Question Up

London, Jan. 15.—The question of the naval policies of the United States and Great Britain will be one of the principal subjects discussed at the forthcoming conferences here between Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, the prime minister, David Lloyd George, and Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary, it was stated in authoritative quarters today.

Washington, Jan. 17.—President-elect Harding has practically decided to call a special session of the new congress on April 4, members of the house ways and means committee were informed today by Chairman Fordney, who has just returned from a conference with Harding at Marion.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Rowland Mahoney, solicitor of the department of labor, was appointed by the president as American representative of the international committee of immigration to meet at Geneva on a date fixed by the international labor office of the league of nations. It is the first appointment by the president made to any bodies meeting under the league of nations since the senate refused to ratify the Versailles treaty.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—The two hundred and fifteenth birthday of Benjamin Franklin was observed throughout the country today. The graves of his wife and himself here were decorated.

## MILITIA MEN ARE ARRESTED

11 Members of Company M. Charged With Taking Prisoner From Jail and Hanging Him

Birmingham, Jan. 17.—Eleven members of Company M, Alabama National Guard are in jail here today charged with lynching of William Baird, a miner, at Jasper Thursday night. The soldiers, five non-commissioned officers and six privates, were arrested last night, after Leslie West, a taxi driver is said to have made a complete confession of the part he took and named the soldiers. West is said to have confessed that he drove one of the two cars the soldiers used. Baird was in jail awaiting trial for killing Private James Morris, of Company M, after Morris shot and killed Baird's father-in-law.

## NEW FRENCH CABINET

Paris, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—Aristide Briand, former French prime minister, succeeded today in the task undertaken by him yesterday to form a cabinet in succession to the ministry of Premier Leygues, which resigned last Wednesday.

Besides the premiership, M. Briand takes the ministry of foreign affairs, Louis Barthou becomes minister of war and Paul Doumer minister of finance.

Shortly before 6:30 o'clock tonight M. Briand presented the official cabinet list to President Millerand. The ministry is made up as follows:

- Premier and minister of foreign affairs, Aristide Briand.
- Minister of justice, M. Bonnefoy.
- Interior, Pierre Marraud.
- War, Louis Barthou.
- Marine, Gabriel Guisthau.
- Finance, Paul Doumer.
- Public instruction, Victor Berard.
- Agriculture, Edmond Lefebvre du Prey.
- Commerce, Lucien Dior.
- Labor, Daniel Vicent.
- Pensions, Andre Maginot.
- Public works, Yves Le Troquer.
- Liberated regions, Louis Lofschueer.

"It is not 'the great cabinet,' but it is a great cabinet I have formed," said Premier Briand this evening. "My ministers and myself will be busy men looking after France's internal affairs. We have confidence that the American administration will look after its own affairs. It may be Republican, it may be Democratic, it matters little; it is always pro-French, I am sure. Please tell them that in America."

"Those who have been in France for many years understand that we are not a militarist nation. We have the warmest desire to be on friendly footing with the British and American nations, but there is a pact, signed at Versailles, which must be fulfilled. I trust that in the fulfillment of that pact we come not in contest with our friends."

"My ministry will make its bow in the chamber Tuesday. It may be that a representative of France will meet the British and Italian delegates the next day. I have asked for no postponement. France will meet the foreign delegates and discuss questions of international interests as if there was no crisis in France."

The general impression in political circles is that the cabinet as constituted by M. Briand is a very powerful element, although many are deploring the absence of M. Poincaré and M. Viviani from the combination.

M. Briand has succeeded in forming his seventh cabinet, which, as he says himself, embodies "national unity."

## MURDER AND SUICIDE

Columbia, Jan. 17.—K. U. Bouknight, salesman for sporting goods store here this morning shot Mrs. Clara Graham, of Henderson, N. C., and turned the pistol on himself and sent a bullet through his temple. Both are still living, but are in a precarious condition. The police are investigating, but it is not known what caused the tragedy. The woman was in the dining room of her home on Assembly street, when Bouknight called her out of the room. He put the pistol in her face and pulled the trigger. There was another man and another woman in the room at the time.

Both K. U. Bouknight and Mrs. Graham died shortly after being taken to a hospital here this afternoon. Mr. Bouknight shot himself in the temple. He had called to tell Mrs. Graham goodbye, having declared days ago that he would kill himself if she did not marry him.

Columbia, Jan. 17.—Ex-Senator "Jim Ham" Lewis, of Chicago, will be the chief speaker for the annual convention of the South Carolina Bar association, to be held in the hall of the house of representatives, Columbia, January 27-28. Governor Cooper will deliver the address of welcome, and this will be followed by the annual address of the association's president, W. D. Melton, of Columbia. After Senator Lewis' address on the evening of the 28th the annual banquet will be tendered at the Jefferson Hotel.

## PEASANT REVOLT IN UKRAINE

Moscow Soviet Fears Rebellion Will Spread Among Peasants of Other Sections

London, Jan. 17.—A Riga dispatch says that Moscow reports that a serious peasant rebellion has broken out in Poldia, Ukraine. The soviet government fears that the revolt will spread, as the result Ukrainian peasants unrest over the refusal of the soviets to remedy numerous grievances.

## WANT TO ANNEX TO SUMTER

It is evident from information received at the Sumter Chamber of Commerce that the citizens of the Turbeville and Douglas township sections of Clarendon county are getting restless and will soon start the movement to vote into Sumter county. Several of the citizens of those sections have been in conference with Secretary Reardon about the proposed annexation of that territory which has been talked about for the last five years. It seems that the prompt manner in which the Sumter county board of commissioners carried out the guarantee made to the Pinewood and Cavalry township people about putting the roads of that section into good shape, together with the splendid work done on those roads have made a good impression on the good citizens of Turbeville, and nearby territory.

During 1920 a delegation of citizens from Turbeville met with the Sumter Chamber of Commerce directors and an agreement was entered into which satisfied the Turbeville citizens. Later there was a meeting of the Sumter county board of commissioners held at Turbeville on the day of the big Sumter Chamber of Commerce's territory. But when the citizens of Turbeville came to the Sumter Chamber of Commerce with their proposition to vote into Sumter county, why the Chamber of Commerce directors and the Sumter county board of commissioners met the Turbeville citizens half way, and told them they would be very welcome to Sumter county whenever they saw fit to come back to Sumter county after a separation of sixty-five years.

The Turbeville, New Zion and Douglas townships citizens occupy practically the same position to the city of Sumter as do the Pinewood and Cavalry townships sections of merce booster trip and picnic at Turbeville. The Sumter county commissioners entered into an agreement regarding certain roads and fixing of roads in the section proposed to be annexed to Sumter county. The annexation proposition has been held up however by some of the leaders for what they considered good reasons, merely delayed as they put it, until certain things came to pass in that section. Now from what can be learned from a few who are impatient about voting into Sumter county, it looks like the "certain things didn't come to pass" as fast as were expected, and it is said that the Turbeville voters are of the opinion that they will not get the "certain things" promised by Clarendon county. The attitude of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce is not to invade Clarendon county with a desire to take Clarendon that voted into Sumter county on September 7th, 1920. Most of, in fact practically all of the people of those sections around Turbeville and New Zion do their trading in Sumter, do their banking here, sell most of their tobacco, cotton, and other farm products in Sumter. They scarcely ever go to Manning except for jury duty, to pay taxes, or on other official business. They are to all intents and purposes "Sumter county citizens" now, and have been for many years.

Secretary Reardon has informed the citizens with whom he talked recently that the Sumter county board of commissioners and the Sumter Chamber of Commerce are fully prepared to carry out the agreements made with the Turbeville people should the latter vote into Sumter county. It looks as though the fight put up by certain well known and highly respected Clarendon county citizens against Turbeville leaving Clarendon county is going to prove as futile as the fight those same patriotic Clarendonties put up against Pinewood and Cavalry townships voting into Sumter county. Of course the Sumter Chamber of Commerce will meet these gentlemen on the business in the renewal of the Turbeville annexation proposition which threatens to break loose at almost any time now. Messrs. L. D. Jennings, R. B. Belsler, D. D. Moise, Dr. E. S. Booth, and E. L. Reardon are still in fine health and are still able to stand another talk feast with the gentlemen from Manning about the Turbeville annexation as these Sumter gentlemen did about the Pinewood annexation. And it might be said in passing that your uncles Mack Hicks and Henry Johnson of the New Zion section of Clarendon are still some orators, believe me.

Columbia, Jan. 15.—Miss Corinne Parfield, of Manning, has announced herself a candidate for the house of representatives, from Clarendon county, to succeed W. T. Spratt, who died last year. The election will be held on the 25th. Miss Parfield is the first woman of the state to announce for a seat in the legislature.

## NEW YORK UNDER GUARD

Entire Police Force Called Out Against Possible Radical Outbreak

ORDER PROMPTED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITY

Public Buildings, Public Utility Plants, Churches and Homes of Wealthy Citizens Under Heavy Guard

New York, Jan. 14.—Public buildings, churches, public utility plants and the homes of wealthy citizens throughout the city are under heavy guard today by police order, a precautionary measure against a possible radical demonstration.

Police officials are extremely reticent concerning the order given verbally last night to the entire force, but they intimated that it was promoted by federal authority.

Warnings of a threatened demonstration with bombing activities in New York were received by the government from a reputable private detective agency, department of justice officials said today. An investigation is being made but the federal agents have been unable to find evidence when the demonstrations are to appear.

## COTTON ACREAGE REDUCTION

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce in behalf of the American Cotton association furnishes some official and convincing information below about the world's supply and consumption of cotton that ought to be a warning to every cotton producer in Sumter county. Secretary E. L. Reardon earnestly urges every farmer to carefully read the statistics by Dr. Bradford Knapp given below.

### A Call to Action.

It is generally agreed by all who have given the matter careful study and thought that a large cotton crop in 1921 would mean financial disaster and ruin, for the south. This world can not use more than eighteen million bales this year, and there are now in existence not less than twenty-seven million bales of cotton or enough to last nearly two years.

The salvation of the south depends upon a reduction of cotton acreage. "Get it out of your head that anything but the supply and the world's ability to buy fixes the price of cotton," Dr. Bradford Knapp.

There is enough cotton now in the world to last about two years. If you want to plant more cotton after reading these figures then we must confess we have nothing more to say. It is up to you!

The ten year average amount of cotton on hand unspun at the beginning of each fiscal year, 400,000 bales.

At August 1st, 1920 beginning the present fiscal year, according to Hester, unspun American cotton, 6,088,000 bales.

Probable amount of American cotton unspun July 31st, 1921, now indicated more than 9,000,000 bales (or 3,000,000 bales larger than any amount ever carried over before).

The greatest consumption of cotton (all kinds) ever known in any single year, less than 21,000,000 bales.

The greatest consumption of American cotton, any one year ever known, 15,000,000 bales.

Ten year average consumption of American cotton prior to the great war, 13,000,000 bales.

Ten year consumption of all kinds of cotton, including American cotton, prior to great war, 17,500,000 bales.

Consumption all kinds cotton 1919, 1920, U. S. census figures, 18,181,000 bales.

American crop of 13,000,000 bales (1920) indicates a world supply of all kinds of cotton, including American, of 29,000,000 bales.

The world during the present fiscal year is not likely to consume more than 15,000,000 bales.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce urges that farmers who have not signed will sign the following pledge and mail it either to the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, or to the South Carolina Division, American Cotton association, No. 509 Liberty National bank building, Columbia. The Sumter Chamber of Commerce will forward all pledges filed with that organization:

### Farmer's Pledge.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of the county of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I am a farmer and cotton grower and hereby solemnly promise and agree on my sacred word of honor that during the year 1921 I will not plant in cotton more than one-third of the lands cultivated by me during the year 1921. And I further promise that I will use whatever influence that I may have with my friends and neighbors to have them sign a like obligation and to co-operate with the county committee in the organization and the work for the said cotton reduction.

Witness: